



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

<b>Application No.:</b>	10/664,975	<b>Examiner:</b>	S. L. KARLS
<b>Filing Date:</b>	September 22, 2003	<b>Art Unit:</b>	3723
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<b>For:</b>	ELECTRIC BLOWER AND VACUUM CLEANER USING SAME		

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**  
**OF JANUARY 8, 2008**

Commissioner for Patents.  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is responsive to the Office Action dated January 8, 2008 in the above application wherein claims 1, 6, 8, 10, 12, 13, 15-20, 23, 24, and 26 are finally rejected. A Request for Continued Examination is filed concurrently herewith, effectively removing the finality of the rejection of the claims.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.